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GODS FEAREFVLL IVDGEMENT VPON DIVERS CAVALIERS.

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A Lamentable Relation, the like was never read of, nor heard before: Sent from *Wolvercot* a mile beyond *Oxford*, by the Chyrurgion, Master *Davis*, to his friend in a Letter, unto Master *Filman*, dwelling in *Thames STRET*.

Also Gods heavy Iudgements upon sundrie wicked persons in and about London, *with their names and dwelling places, worthy to be read of all good Christians in the time of danger and trouble.*

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A true Relation of Gods heavie Iudgement upon a moſt wicked curſer and Blaſpheamer.

IN *Shooelane* in *London* liveth one Miſtres *Letſum*, which her neighbour having loſt a ſmall Ragge, which was a Diſh-cloath, her neighbour chalenging her for it, ſhe not conſidering who ſhe was before, nor the iuſtice of the Lord, which is the rewarder of ſin: for the Lord himſelfe ſaith, that he will reward every man according to his deſerts; ſo the Lord ſeeing the wickedneſſe of this woman, hee left her over to her ſelfe to worke her owne deſtruction both of body and ſoule, without the great mercy of God to put to his ſupporting his hand: for ſhee raſhly and preſumptuouſly, not having the feare of God before her eyes, fell a curſing in a moſt wicked manner, deſiring that ſhe might not alive if ſhee had not that diſh-cloth: So according to her own wicked deſire, the Lord in iuſtice laid the ſame affliction on her: for the firſt night her legges did ſwell as bigge as a bodies middle, and the next night they were as black as a ſhoe, and ſo remaine in a moſt woefull manner to the terror and amazement of all the beholders. Now let us all looke to the Lords afflicting thoſe that

transgresse, a reward for such a wicked blasphemous wretch, that knowing her conscience guilty of that fact, to call Gods vengeance on her head. Now let all good Christians petition the Lord to mollifie the heart of this woman, and give her a sight of her sins, and make her to know whom she hath offended, being the Lord of heaven and earth, giving her a heart of flesh, truely to repent for her sinnes, and that shee may become a new Creature, and likewise to bee a warning to all others to set a watch before their lips, and examine their owne Consciences before they speak: for this woman, knowing that in her owne Conscience shee was guilty, she called for a heavie vengeance of the Lord to fall upon her if shee had this small trifle: the thing was little, and therefore the greater was the sinne: shee, because she would have carryed it cleare to the view of the world, she thought there was no rewarder: but according as she deserved, so it came to passe, and at this time she doth rot as she liveth on the earth.

We have had many of these examples, but we cannot take warning: as it lately fell out at the Sunne in *Warwick*, the hostesse of the house and her husband desired the devill to fetch them, if they had the souldiers money: so accordingly as they desired it came to passe, for the devill presently seised on them before that great assembly. Also a maid in *Coventrie*, that desired, that when shee married any other man but onely that souldier, the devill might fetch her alive that very day: So shee in the midst of her jollity, with her Bride-groom and the rest of her company,

he whom she desired might fetch her, came to lead her a dance, which was a terrible one to her; for he carried her from her Bridegroome to keep her wedding with him, which must needs prove most horrid and fearful: So now we have the like example here, the Lord guide the hearts of all people else, that they may not presume to provoke so good a God as he is, slow to anger, but full of Iustice to punish sins, sins grown to its full height, in the hearts of the people, for they neither regard God nor his punishments: but the Lord grant that we may all in generall become new Creatures, and that these examples may worke a reformation in every one of our hearts, that we may do as the Apostle saith, *Worke out our owne salvation with feare and trembling*: and give us grace to make good use of all his afflictions, and that we may not fall into the like conditions of this Creature, that is under the cure of Mr. *Simmons* Chyrurgion in *Shue-lane*, neare *Harp-Ally*: but there is small hope of cure, the Lord be merciful to her soul, and send that this affliction of her body may bee a recovering of her soule, and graut as the body decayes, the soule may be strengthned in grace, and that shee may in this affliction lay hold on Christ her onely Saviour: for without which, there is no hope to bee looked for: for he is the strongest Fortresse that can be both for soule and body: God grant wee may all lay hold on him, that hee may be our shield and sure defence in all times of need, to Gods glorie, and the comfort of all in generall.

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Here also followeth a true Relation of another affliction that befell a Childe, who was burned in Spittle fields on Munday the 14. of December, 1642.

ON Wednesday last happened a great mischance in a tenement in the *Spittle Fields*; A wicked wretch that is a Begger, and living of the almes of other good people, comming home, being wonderfully in drinke, went and made a great fire in her house, and fetched herselfe more drinke, till shee was so drunke that shee could neither goe nor stand, shee left a great fire burning, and her childe sitting by the same, and shee went to sleepe, never regarding her childe: for shee had so besotted her selfe with drinke, that shee knew not what shee did. The childe playing by the fire, fell with the face downward in the fire, not being able to helpe it selfe, burned with the fire, till some part of it was burned to Coles, the mother never hearing the cries of the childe, which wee may thinke was pitifull. At last one of the neighbours came home, and entred the house, and was the sad Spectator of that most wofull and lamentable object, a heavy and dolefull sight to behold. The mother when shee awaked, was not come to herselfe againe. A wofull condi-

condition, that drinke ſhould overcome any one ſo. God grant this may bee a warning to all other parents, that they may prevent the like danger hereafter. Thus you have a ſad ſtory here at home. God grant it may be the laſt; and ſo let all good people ſay, *Amen.*

A true Relation of a fearfull example of Gods judgement upon ſome Cavaliers neere Oxford, *who blaſphemouſly curſing the Parliament, and calling them Round-headed Rogues, burſt all into the pit themſelves they digged for others.*

IT is very credibly reported, that divers Cavaliers of the Dammiſts, were very merry together; and one amongſt the reſt, ſwore, God damne him, he could make a Fire-worke that would kill, deſtroy, wound, and ſtrike amazement into the Parliaments Round-headed Rogues, that with a Fire-worke of green glaſſe that he could make, which hee learned at *Antwerp*, hee would deſtroy a thouſand Round-heads together, and ſwore, the Divell fetch him body and ſoule alive, and if hee did not put it in practice the next morning; which was done: then divers of the Cavaliers were met together, to ſee the event. And when the foreſaid Cavalier had finiſhed his proiect,

he would shew the event of it, the glasse broke, and kild him, and two more that were about him, and strucke another starke blinde, and wounded seven more, singing the haire from their heads and beards. And the Chyrurgion doth thinke they will hardly escape with life. This was credibly certified to Mr. *Filman* in *Thames Street*, by a letter sent to him from his friend the Chyrurgion, *Thomas Davis*.

This was done in a Village about a mile beyond *Oxford*, the Villages name is *Wolvercot*, where these Cavaliers lay.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE Lords & Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

For the punishing of

Blasphemies and Heresies.

WITH

The several Penalties therein expressed.

Die Martis, 2 Maii, 1648.

ORdered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That the Ordinance concerning Blasphemies and Heresies be forthwith printed; And that the Knights and Burgesses respectively that serve for the several Counties and Places of the Kingdom, do send Copies of the said Ordinance to the said several Counties and Places: And the Ministers of the several Parishes are hereby required to Read and publish the same in their respective Parish Churches the next Lords-day after the receipt thereof.

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